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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

1. **Claims 1-5 and 7** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schlachman et al. (United States Patent 6,504,925), hereinafter referenced as Schlachman.

Regarding **claim 1**, Schlachman discloses an apparatus for enabling a telephone user to obtain telephone directory information. In addition Schlachman discloses a storage section (34, 36, and 38) for storing therein a name of a city/state and a corresponding telephone number thereto, as exhibited in figure 1;

a means for retrieving the name of the city/state from the storage section while the telephone number is entered from the input means (key board 22 or 40) to be a

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retrieval key, as disclosed at column 13, line 17 through column 16 line 54 and exhibited in figures 18 and 19;

a means for displaying (39) the name of the city/state which is retrieved, as disclosed at column 5, line 66 through column 6, line 50 and exhibited in figure 2.

Regarding **claim 2**, Schlachman discloses everything claimed as applied above, (see claim 1), in addition, Schlachman discloses a means for retrieving the telephone number from the storage section (34, 36, and 38) while the name of the city/state is entered from the keyboard (22 or 40), as disclosed at column 13, line 17 through column 16 line 54 and exhibited in figures 18 and 19;

a means for displaying (39) the name of the city/state which is retrieved, as disclosed at column 5, line 66 through column 6, line 50 and exhibited in figure 2.

Regarding **claim 3**, Schlachman discloses a state discrimination means (40) for determining whether the information input from the keyboard (22 or 40) is a telephone number or a name of a city/state, as disclosed at column 13, line 17 through column 16 line 54 and exhibited in figures 18 and 19. The additional elements claimed are claimed in claims 1-2 and are therefore rejected based on the above as disclosed in claims 1 and 2.

Regarding **claim 4**, Schlachman discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 3), in addition, Schlachman discloses wherein the user determines the dialing mode and the state discriminator determines whether the information entered is a telephone number or a city/state, as disclosed at column 13, line 17 through column 16 line 54 and exhibited in figures 18 and 19.

Regarding **claim 5**, Schlachman discloses everything claimed as applied above (see claim 3), in addition, Schlachman discloses wherein a retrieval key is pressed down and starts the retrieval of information from the storage section, as disclosed at column 13, line 17 through column 16 line 54 and exhibited in figures 18 and 19.

Regarding **claim 7**, Schlachman discloses everything claimed, in addition claim 7 is interpreted and thus rejected for the reasons set forth above in the rejection of claims 1-5.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claim 6** is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

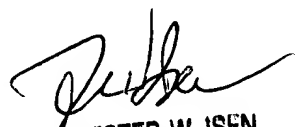
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jefferey F. Harold whose telephone number is (703) 306-5836. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Forester W. Isen can be reached on (703) 305-4386. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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